

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

determining a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call of a wireless telephone; [[and]] transmitting the determined first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description to the wireless telephone for display of the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description on a display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call[.]; and transmitting a warning message to the wireless telephone for display on the display of the wireless telephone in response to the in-progress telephone call exceeding at least one subscriber-set threshold billing condition.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

determining a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call of the wireless telephone; and transmitting the determined second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description for display of the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description on the display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate are simultaneously displayed by the display of the wireless telephone.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein transmitting the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description comprises:

transmitting data indicating the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description from a remote node to the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently amended) A wireless telephone comprising:

a receiver to receive a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call; [[and]]

a display to display the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description during the in-progress telephone call[[]]; and

the display to display a warning message received in response to the in-progress telephone call exceeding at least one subscriber-set threshold billing condition.

10. (Previously presented) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the display is further to display a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate during the in-progress telephone call.

11. (Previously presented) The wireless telephone of claim 10 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

12. (Original) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously presented) The wireless telephone of claim 9 wherein the display is to simultaneously display the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate.

15. – 22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a message generator to determine a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call of a wireless telephone, and to generate a first message having data that indicates the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description to the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call; [[and]]

a wireless service provider to transmit the first message to the wireless telephone for display of the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description during the in-progress telephone call[.]; and

the first message including a warning message when the in-progress telephone call exceeds at least one subscriber-set threshold billing condition.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein:

the message generator is further to determine a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call of the wireless telephone, and to generate a second message having data that indicates the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description; and

the wireless service provider is further to transmit the second message to the wireless telephone for display of the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description during the in-progress telephone call.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate comprises a cost-per-minute rate.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the message generator is further to generate a message indicating a number of days remaining in a billing period.

28. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving at a wireless telephone a first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a first billing rate description associated with the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for an in-progress telephone call via the wireless telephone; [[and]] displaying the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the first billing rate description on a display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call[.]; and

receiving at the wireless telephone a warning message for display on the wireless telephone in response to the in-progress telephone call exceeding at least one subscriber-set threshold billing condition.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the first billing rate description and the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate are concurrently displayed by the display of the wireless telephone.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28 further comprising:
receiving at the wireless telephone a second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and a second billing rate description associated with the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate for the in-progress telephone call via the wireless telephone;
and
displaying the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description on the display of the wireless telephone during the in-progress telephone call.

31. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[38]]~~ 28 wherein the second real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate differs from the first real-time, cost-per-unit-time billing rate and the second billing rate description differs from the first billing rate description.